

REMARKS

Claims 76-171 are pending in the present application.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants have added to the listing of claims an indication that claims 1 – 75 have been canceled.

Applicants have also indicated that claim 84 is canceled, although claim 84 was inadvertently omitted when claims 76 – 171 were originally added to the application in the amendment dated July 30, 2002.

The Examiner objected to the specification for not setting forth the relationship of the priority application. Accordingly, applicants have amended the priority claim sentence to include the relationship to overcome the objection. Thus, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

The Examiner has rejected claims 125-171 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and suggested a claim amendment. Applicants thank the Examiner for his suggestions and have amended claims 125 and 133 accordingly. Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance and request the withdrawal of the rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 104 and 159 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph for being indefinite for containing parenthetical expressions. Applicants have deleted all parenthetical expressions from the claims. Accordingly, applications request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Claims 76-124 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-

type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,761,904. Applicants herewith have filed a terminal disclaimer and believe the rejection to be obviated. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

In view thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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